# California Flying Oddities



## Your Flight Crew:

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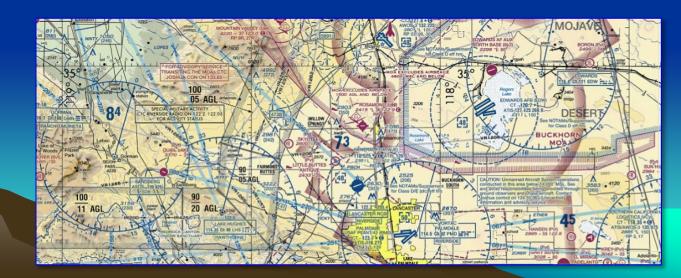
# Capt. Brian Schiff

# The Flight Plan

- California Complexities
- Interesting Airports & Places
- General Flying Tips

# California Complexities Natural Terrain

- Lowest: Death Valley
- Highest: 6 major mountain ranges
- Ocean 840 miles of coastline
- 3 major deserts



# California Complexities Human Terrain

- Most populous state
- 482 cities, 3 w/>1M people
- 20 National Forests
- 9 National Parks
- 300 State Parks
- NOAA "Airspace"



#### California Complexities Airspace

- 3 Class B Areas
- 11 Class C Areas (1 TRSA)
- 70 Class D Airports
- 15 Military Airports
- 2 Space Ports
- Restricted / Warning / Alert / MOA airspace
- Military Training Routes



# California Complexities Airspace

- 3 ARTCC (ATC Centers)
- 2 Consolidated TRACONs
- 6 "Normal" TRACONs
- 5 FAA Sectional Charts
- "Ocular Glare"



# California Complexities Getting Through & Around Class B

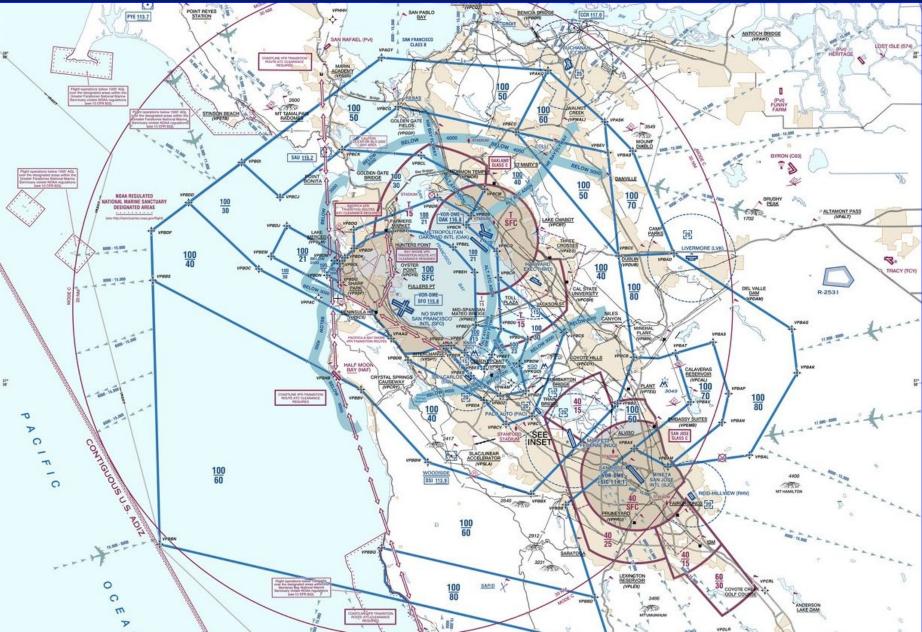
- SFO has suggested routes
- LAX has published routes
- SAN has a corridor
- Class B clearance required\*

#### \* Exception: LAX SFRA route

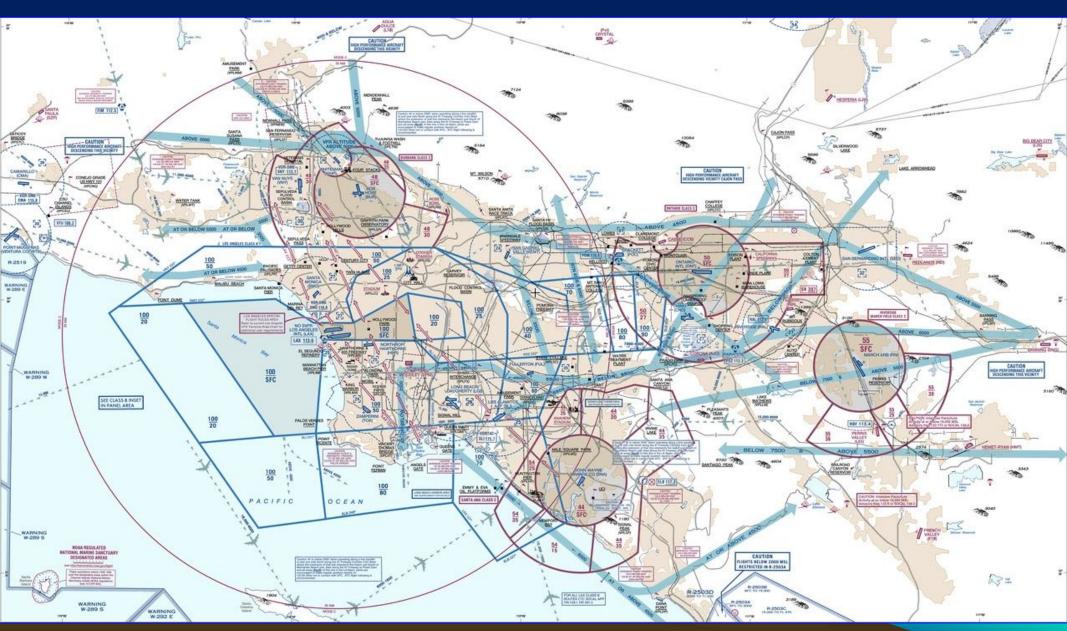
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Transition routes go <u>through</u> Class B Flyway routes go <u>around</u> Class B

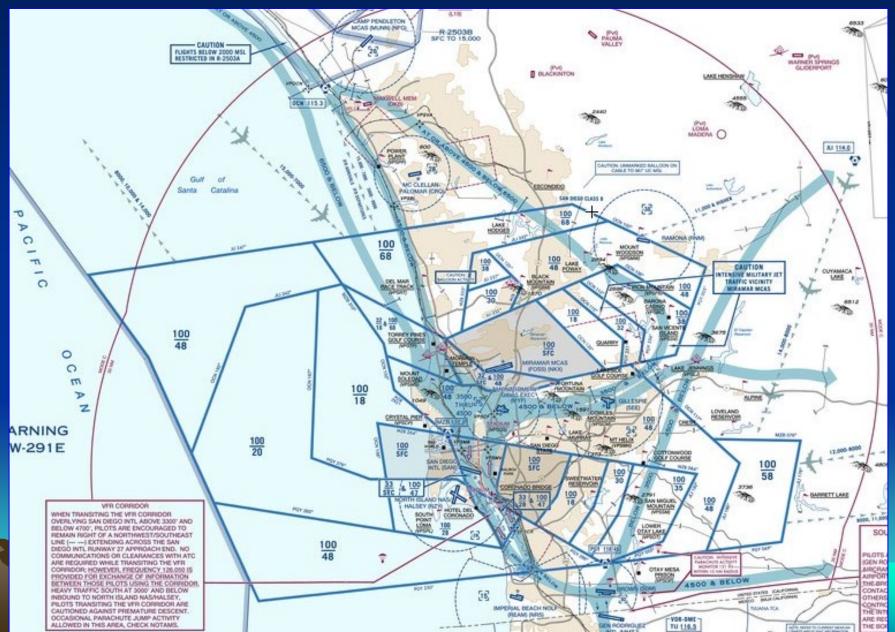
# California Complexities KSFO Class B



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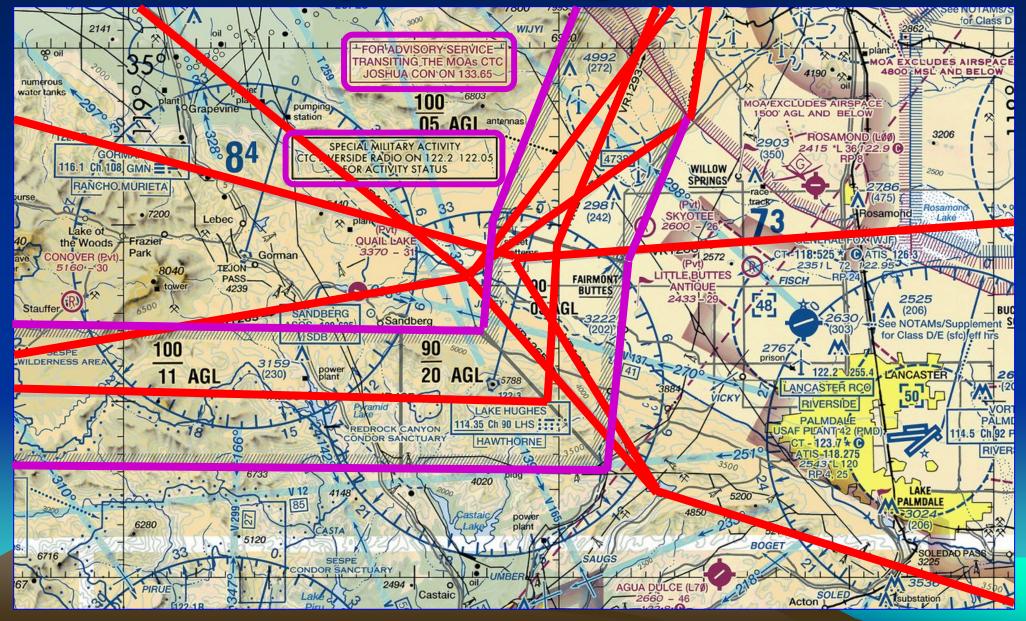


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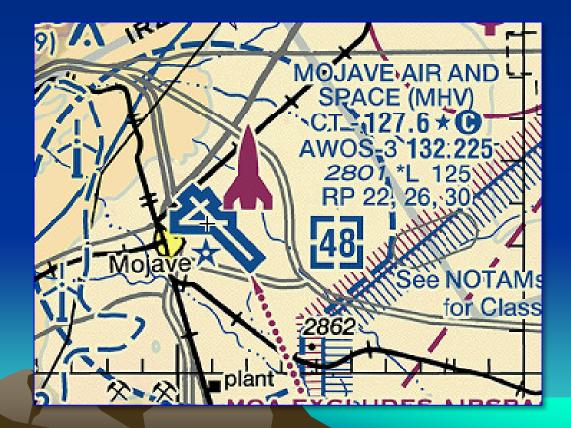
- Military
  - 15 Military Airports
  - MTRs
    - Speeds >250Kts
    - AIM 3-5-2 for more info

# California Complexities Military Training Routes



- Military
- 2 Space Ports

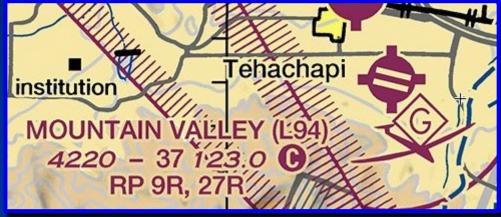




- Military
- 2 Space Ports
- Airline Traffic
- Flight Training Areas

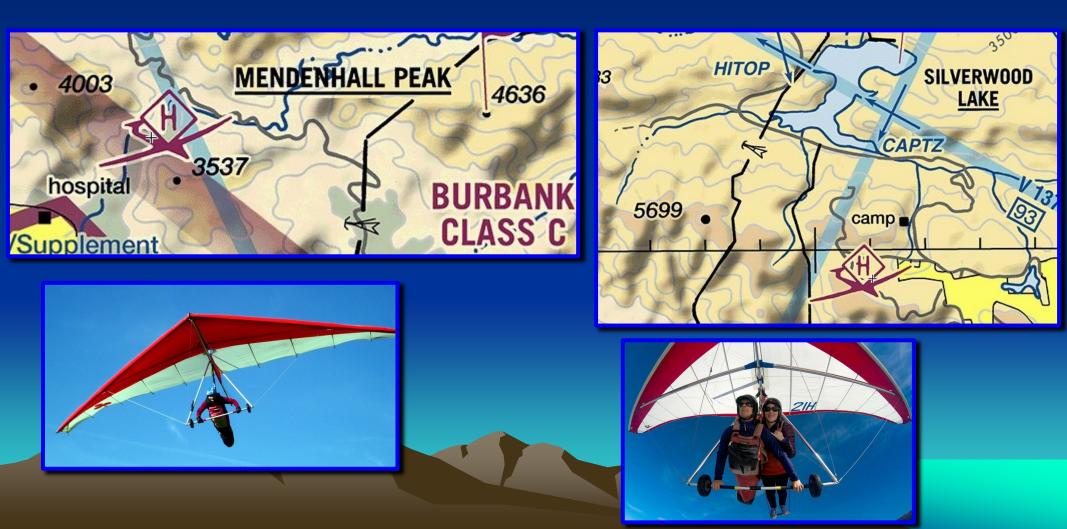
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- Aerobatics
- Condors / Eagles

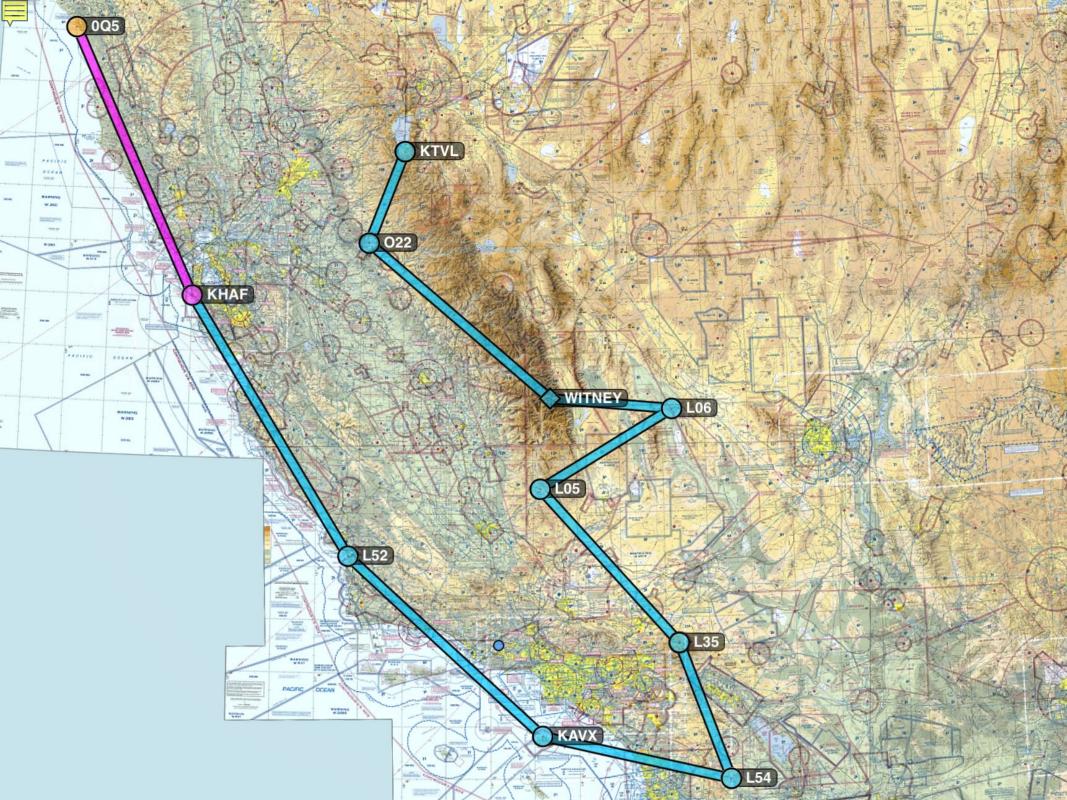


# Interesting Airports and Places

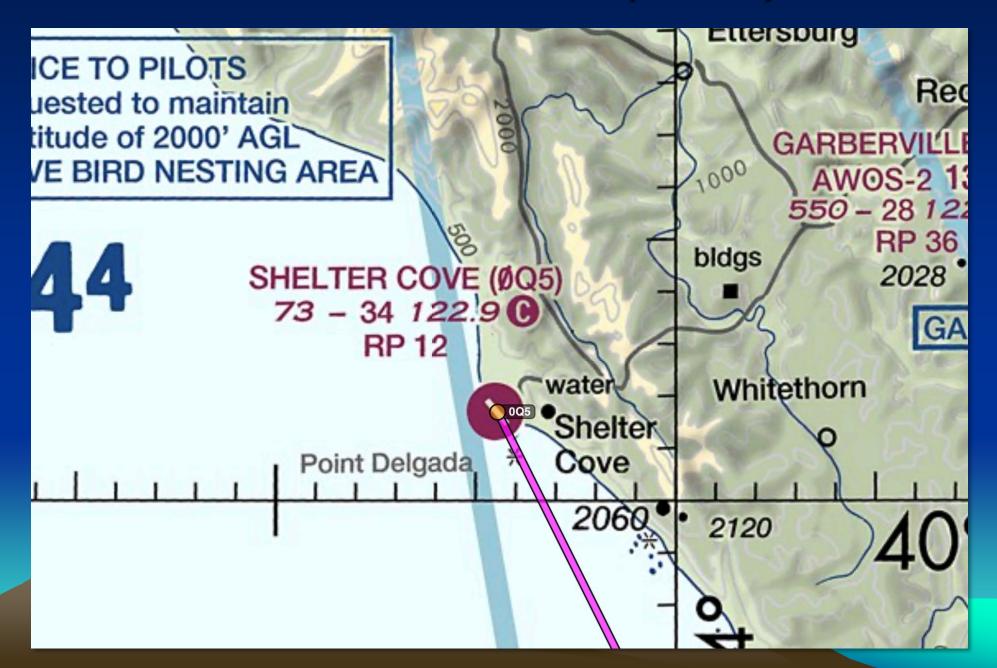
- Shelter Cove
- Half Moon Bay
- SFO Bay Tour
- Oceano
- Catalina
- LAX Basin Tour
- Aqua Caliente
- South Coast Tour

- Anza Borrego Sky Tour
- Desert Training Sky Tour
- Big Bear
- Kern Valley
- Furnace Creek
- Mount Whitney
- Columbia
- Lake Tahoe

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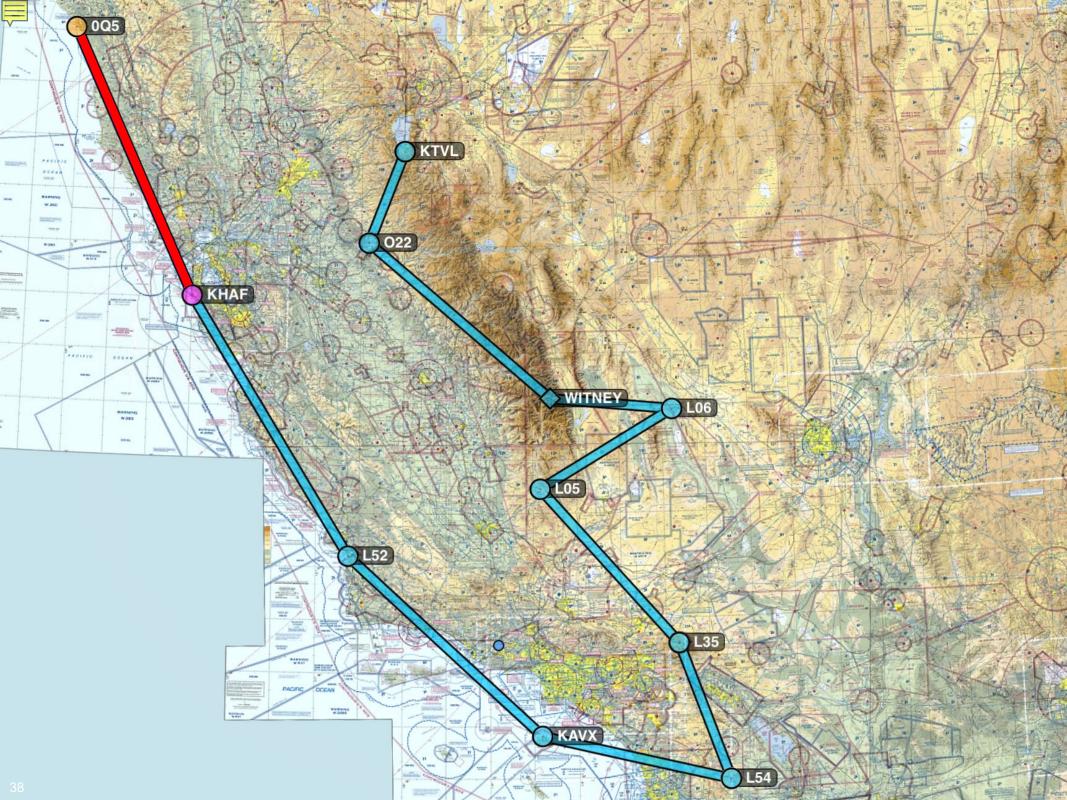
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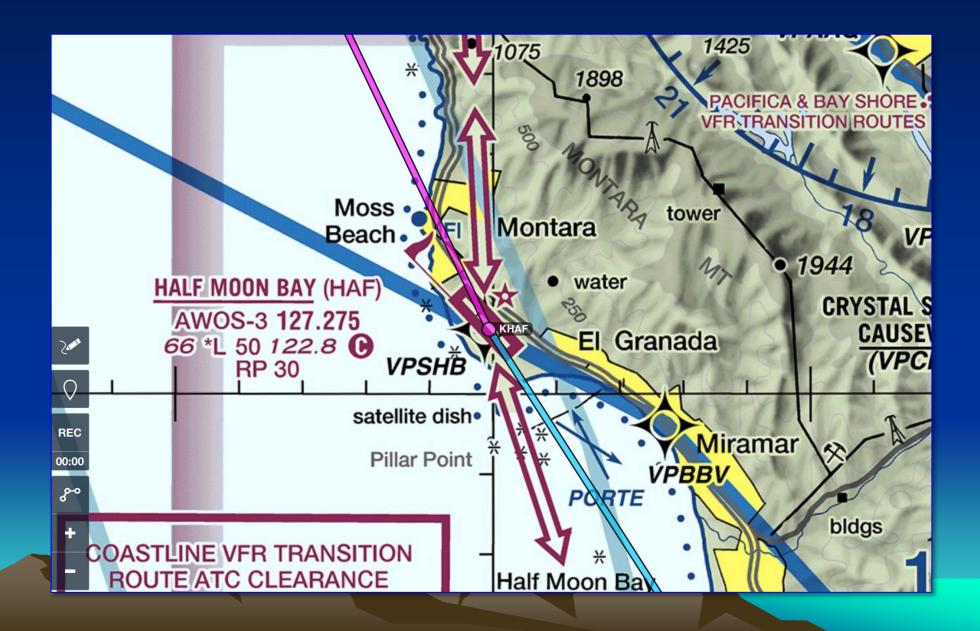


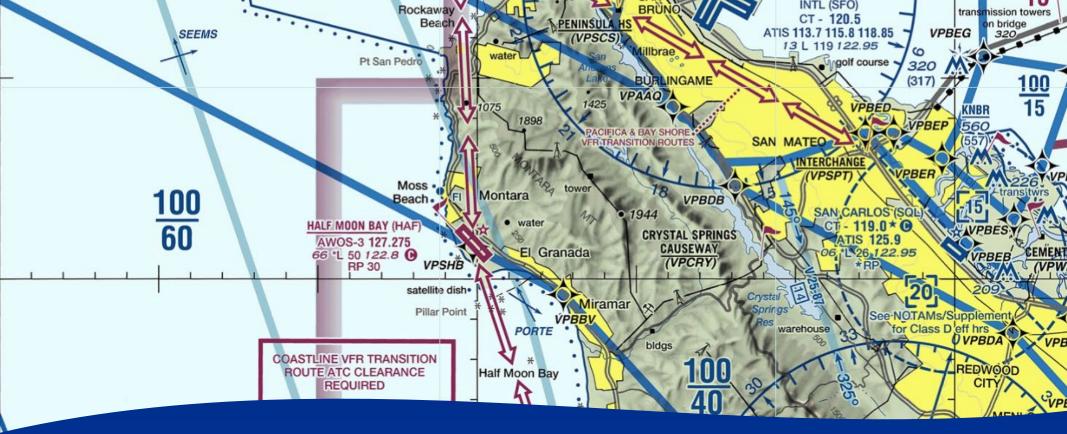
Shelter Cove

- Coastal
- Weather No IFR procedures
- On-field: camping, hotel, restaurant
- Golf, fishing, redwood trees



# Half Moon Bay (HAF)





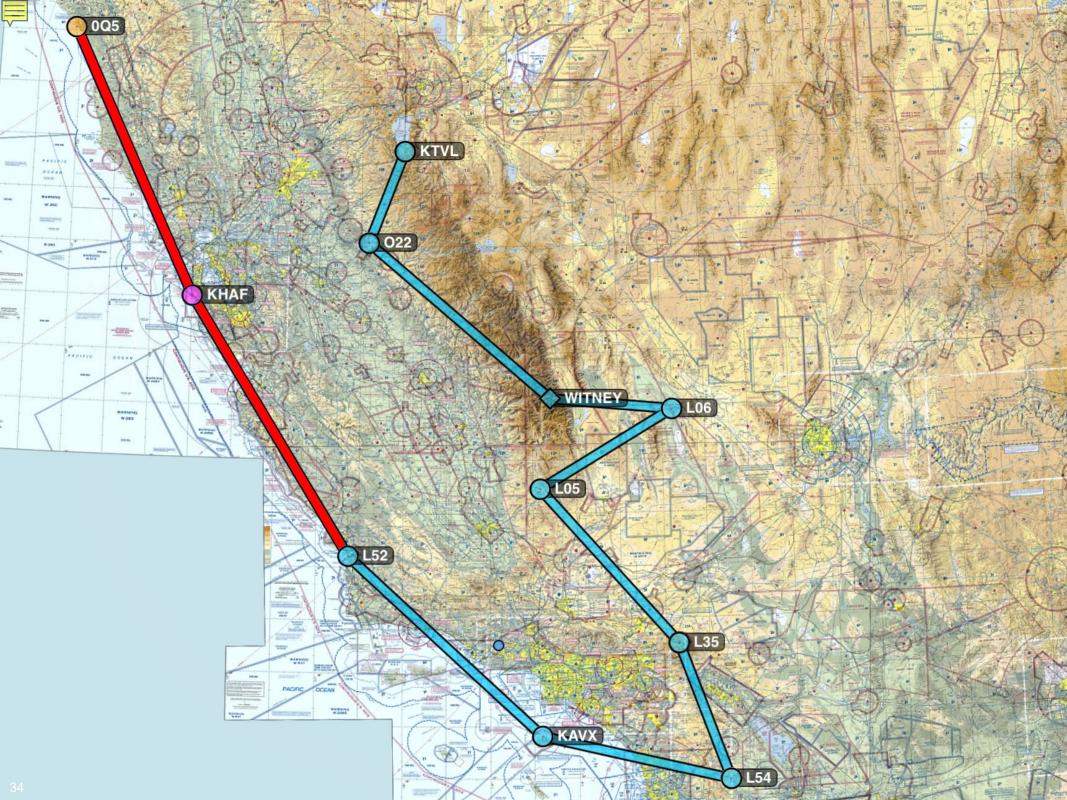
- Coastal
- Weather 2 RNAV approaches
- SFO Airspace, terrain
- On field: restaurant, camping
- In town: more restaurants, hotels, whale watching, kayaking

Half Moon Bay



#### SFO Bay Tour

- No fixed route or altitude
- Takes ~ 1 hour
- Get Flight Following from NorCal
- Info at sjflight.com/BayTour.htm
  - Landmarks include
    - Golden Gate Bridge
    - Alcatraz, Treasure Island
    - Downtown San Francisco
    - SFO Airport
    - And more!



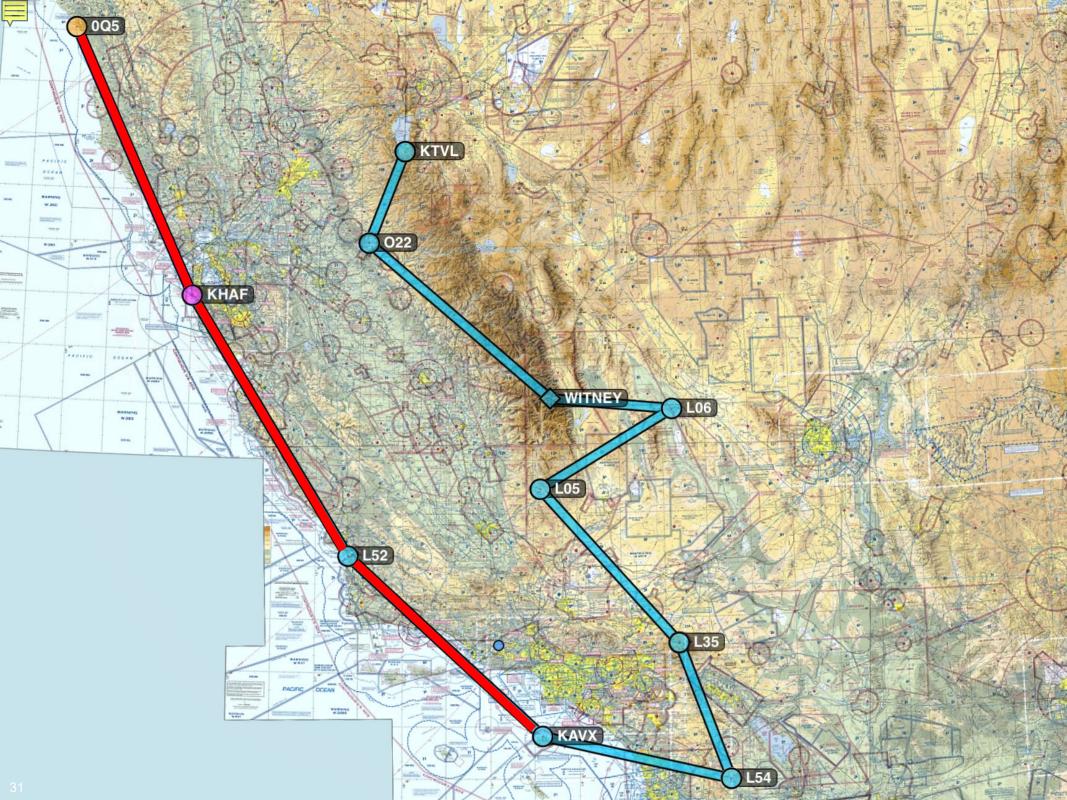
## Oceano County (L52)





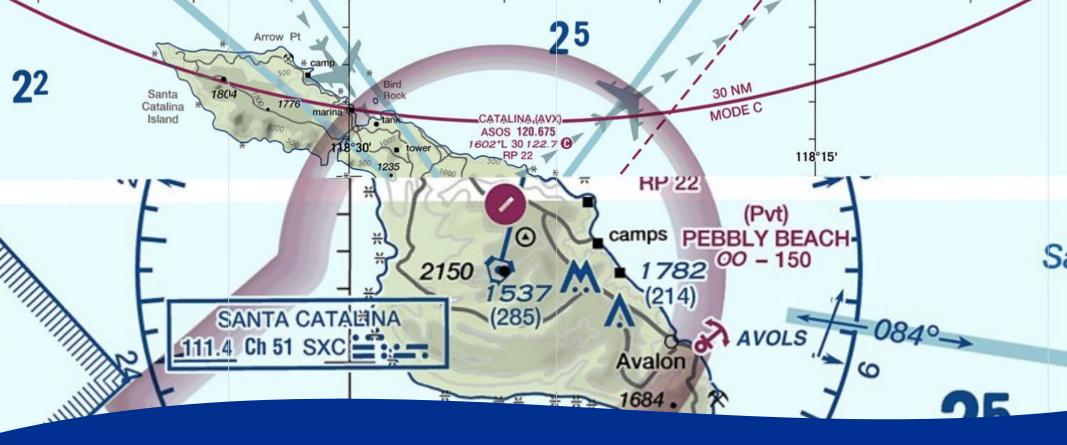
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- Coastal
- Weather VFR only
- Parasailing, Skydiving, Condors
- On field: camping, self-serve fuel, bicycles
- In town (short walk): restaurants, hotels, beach camping, ATV rentals, Oceano Dunes



## Catalina (AVX)

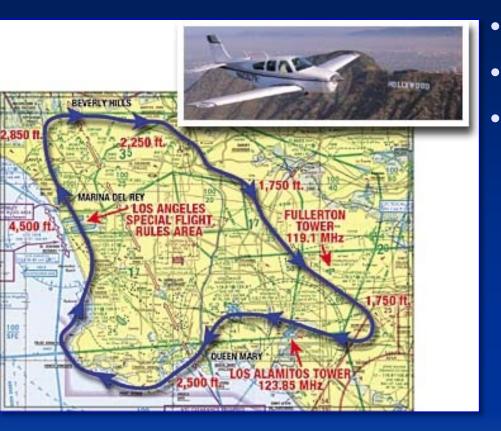




#### Catalina Island

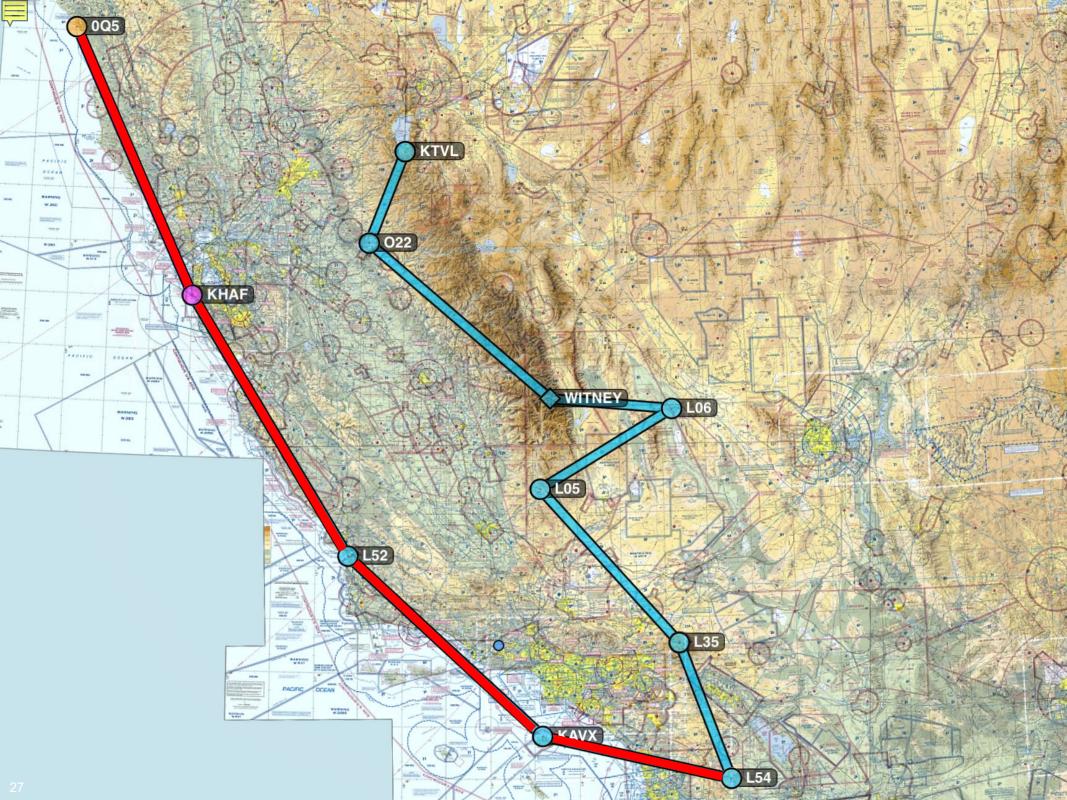
- Visual Illusions
- Bumpy / Humped / Sloped
- No fuel or services. Bring tie downs.
- On field: restaurant, camping, hiking
- In town: fishing, golf, botanical gardens, restaurants, hotels, SCUBA diving, zip lining
  - 1<sup>st</sup> timers should bring a CFI





## LAX Basin Tour

- No fixed route or altitude
  - Takes ~ 45 minutes
- Get Flight Following from SoCal
- Landmarks include
  - Queen Mary
  - Palos Verdes
  - LAX Airport
  - Hollywood Sign
  - Rose Bowl
  - Universal Studios
  - And more!
- More info at pilotgetaways.com



# Agua Caliente Springs (L54)

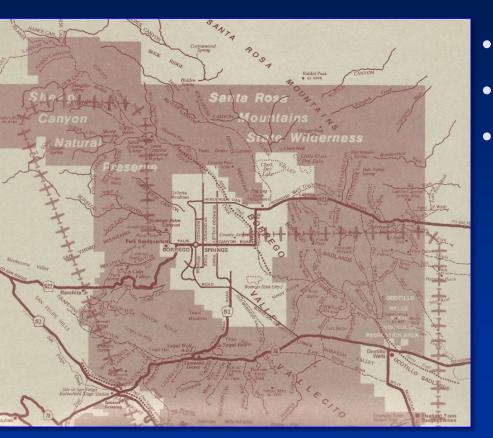




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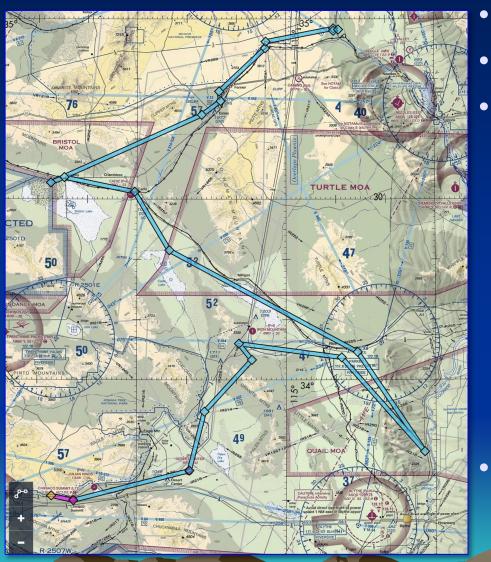
- Desert, terrain
- No services, limited parking
- No IFR procedures
- Campground/convenience store a short walk
- Hot springs!

#### Anza Borrego Sky Tour

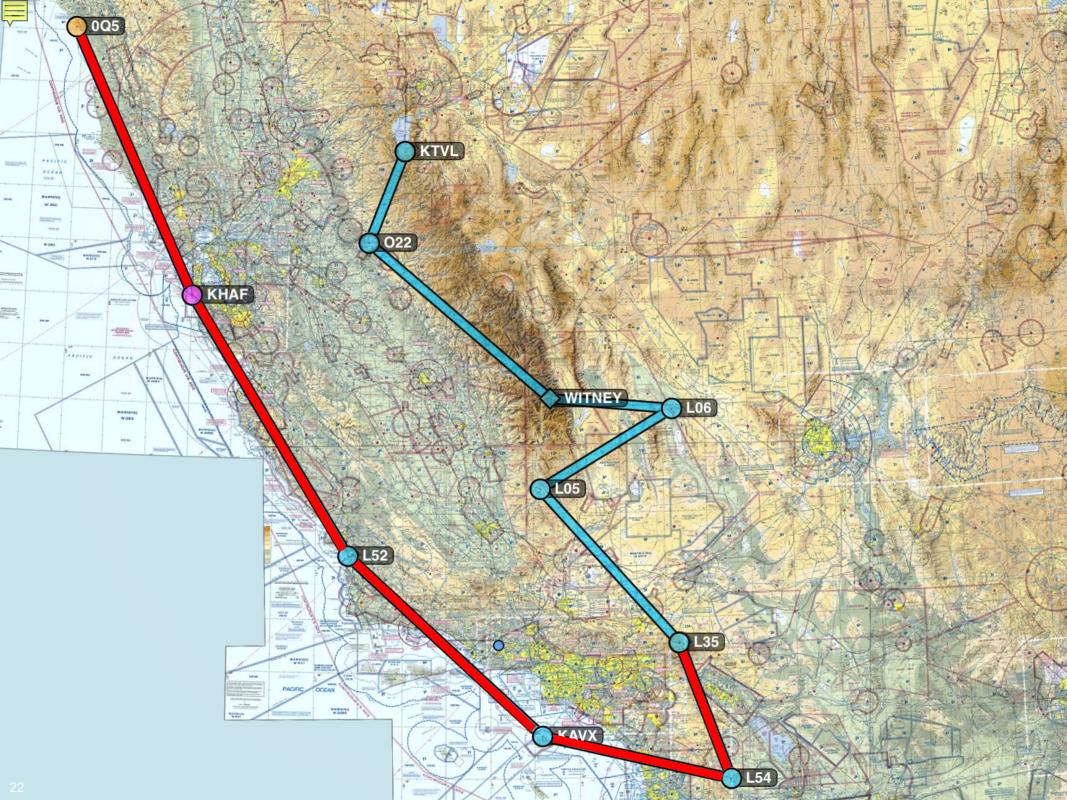


- Very old
- Updated version pilotgetaways.com
- Landmarks Include:
  - Palm tree oases
  - Gypsum mine
  - Salton Sea
  - San Andreas fault
  - Bombing ranges
  - Mt Palomar Observatory

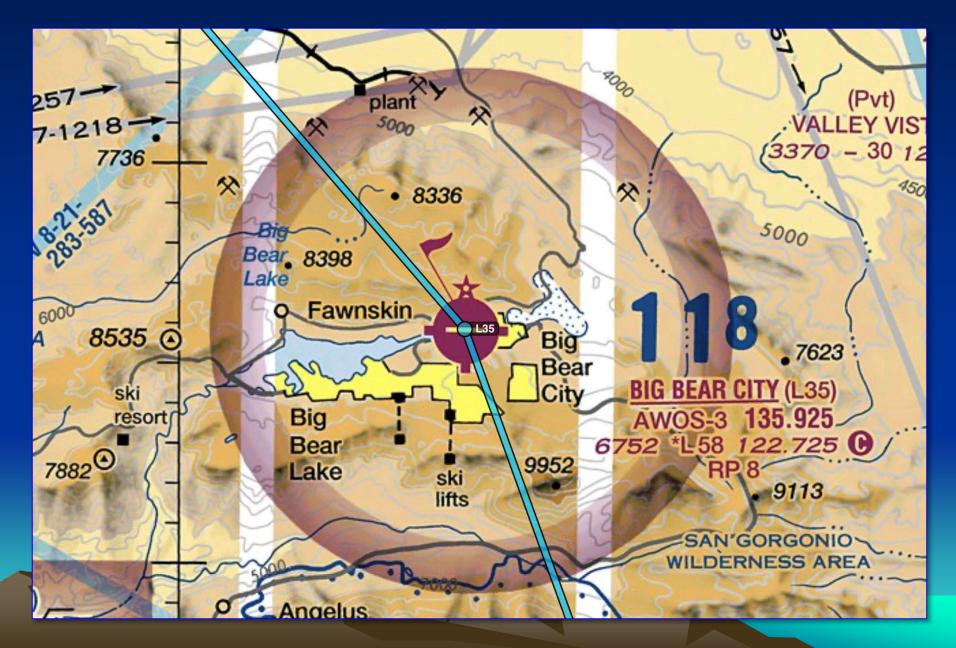
#### **Desert Training Sky Tour**



- WWII Desert Warfare Training Cmd
- Info at <u>skytrail.info</u>
- Landmarks Include:
  - Patton Desert Warfare Museum
  - Several WWII Tank Warfare training camps
  - Intaglios
  - Solar power facilities
  - Lava flows / Volcanic crater
  - ...And more!
- Caution
  - Military airspace
  - Bring desert survival gear



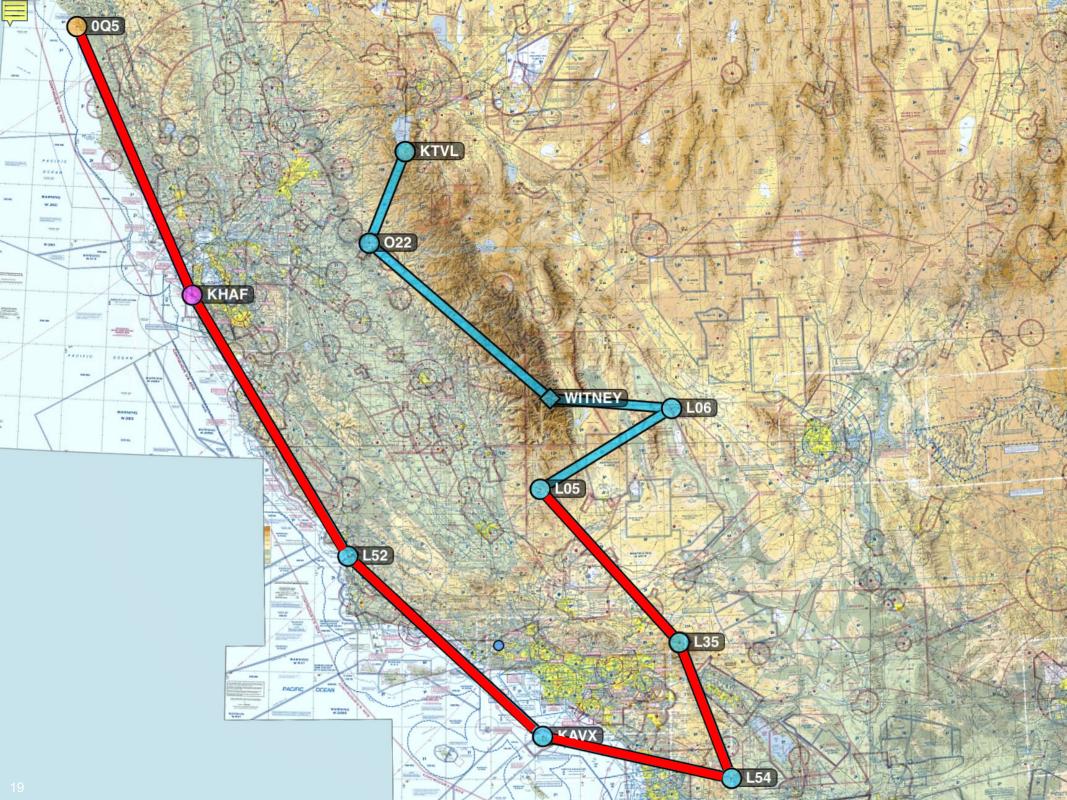
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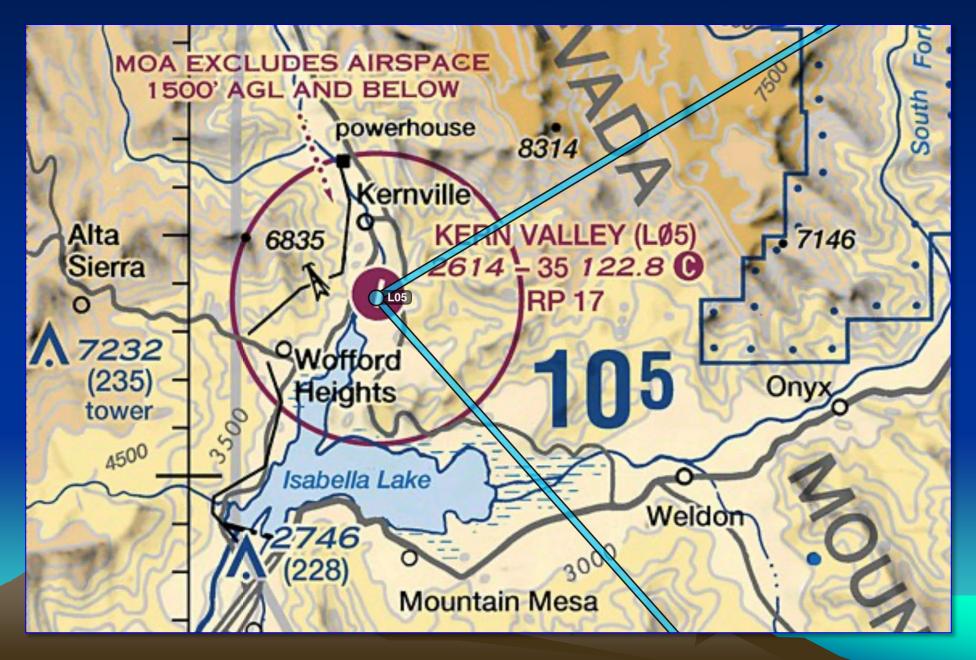


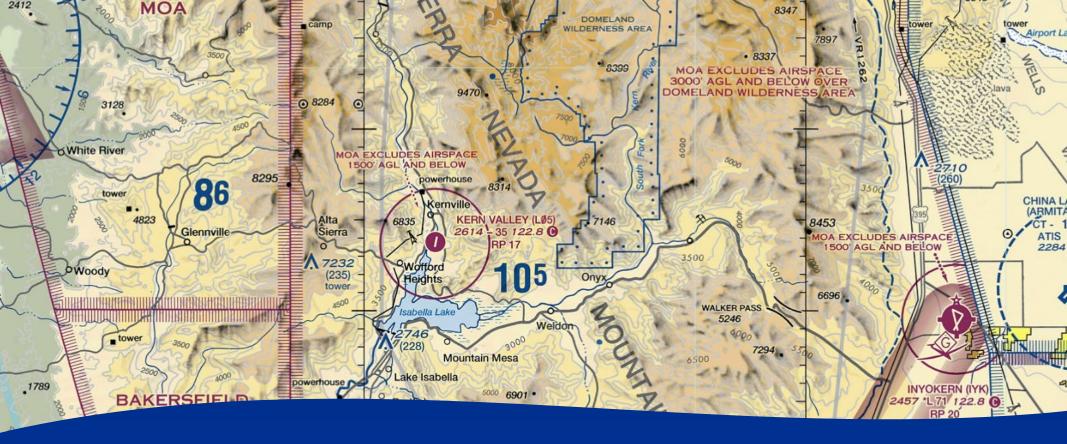
- Mountains / High Density Altitude
- 1 RNAV approach
- On field: restaurants, cheap fuel!
- In town: restaurants, hotels, skiing, boating
  - 1<sup>st</sup> timers should bring a CFI

#### Big Bear



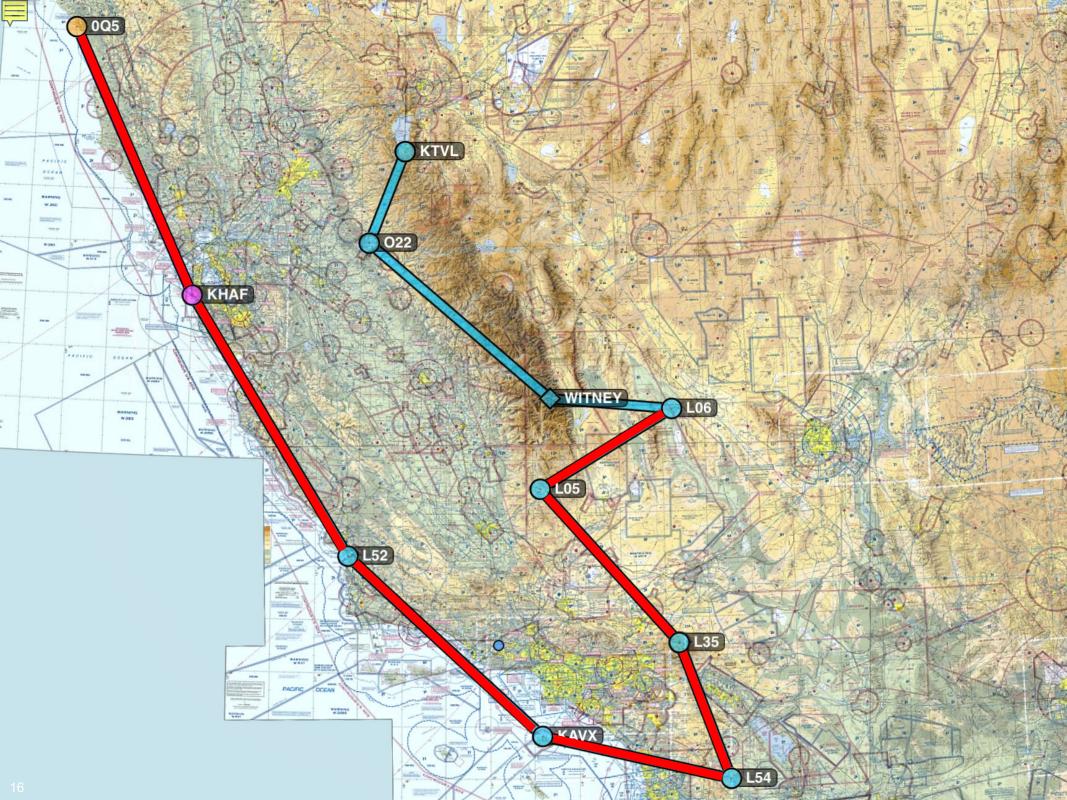
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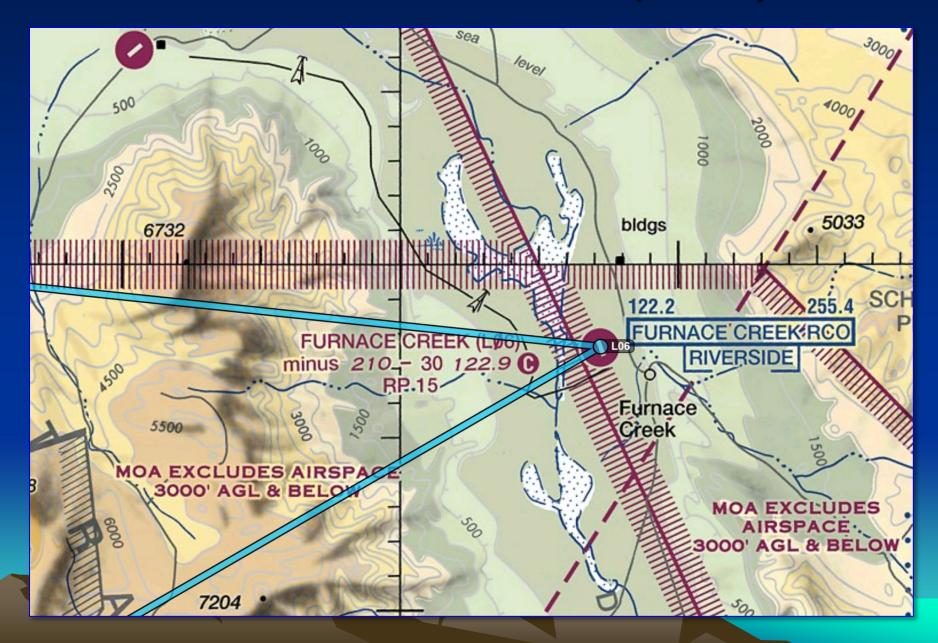


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- Mountains / Terrain / Obstacles
- On field: restaurant, camping
- In town: hotels, restaurants, white water rafting
- No fuel, bring tie downs
- No IFR procedures



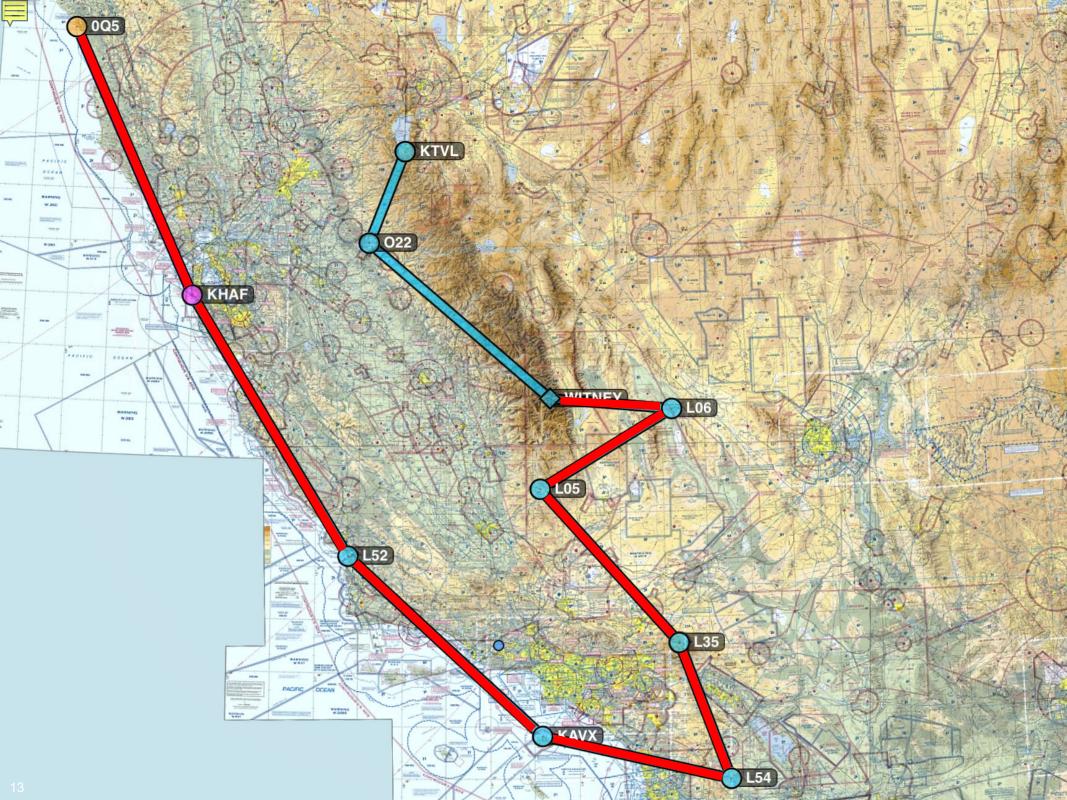
#### Furnace Creek (L06)





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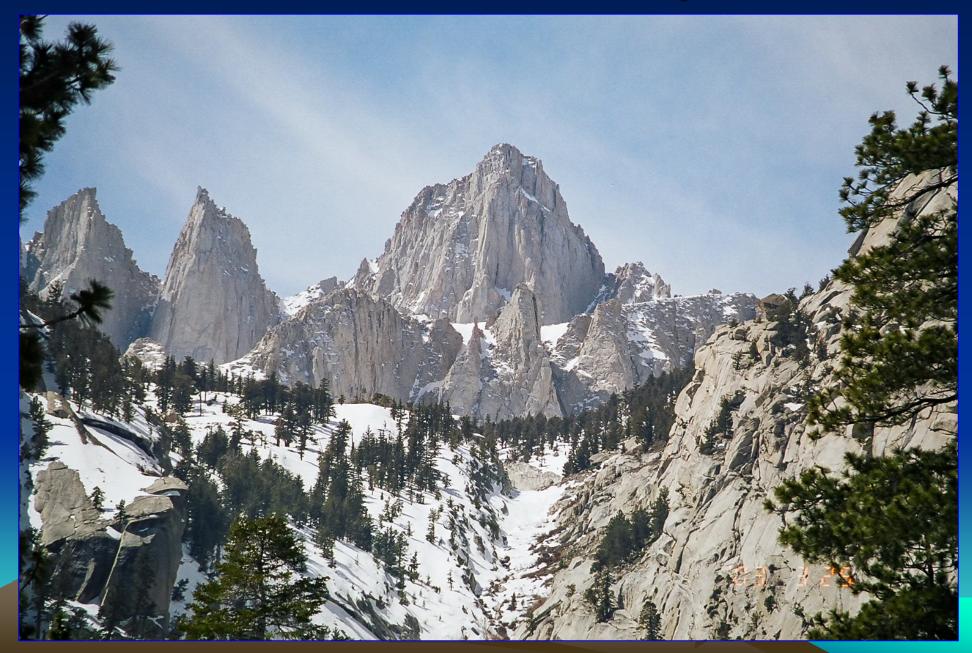
- Lowest airport in the US
- High temperatures
- Lots of restricted airspace
- No IFR procedures
- No fuel. Bring tie downs.
- Short walk: Hotel, restaurant

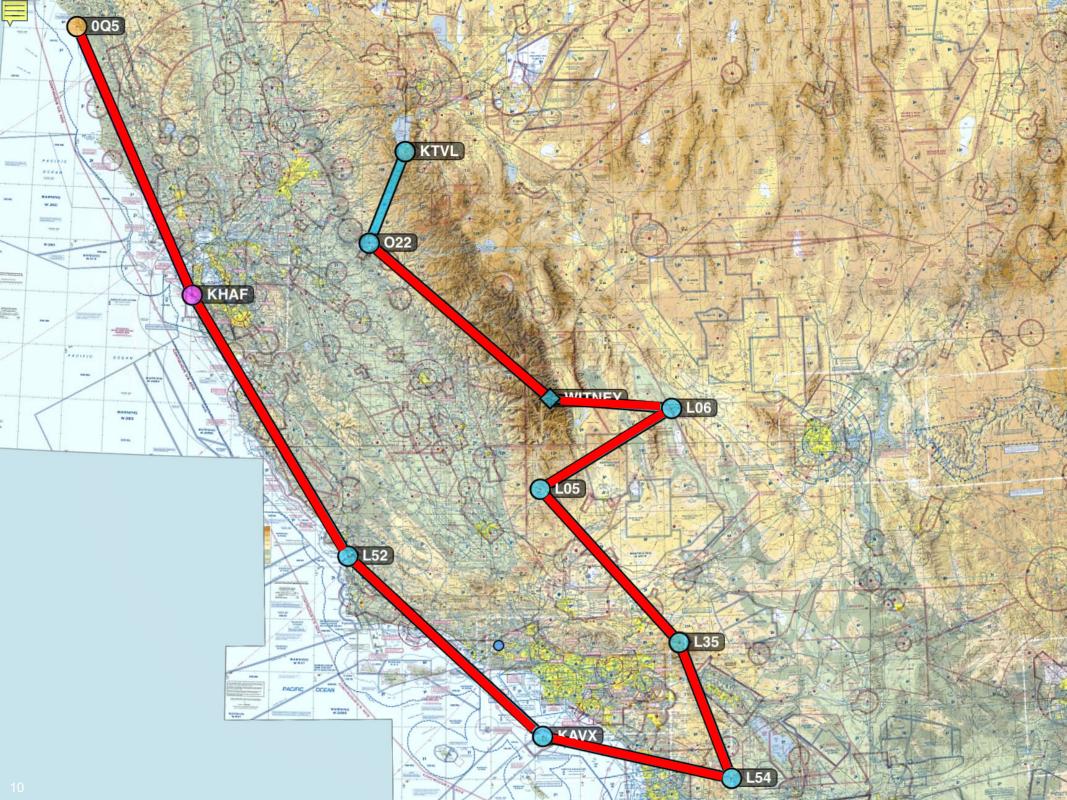


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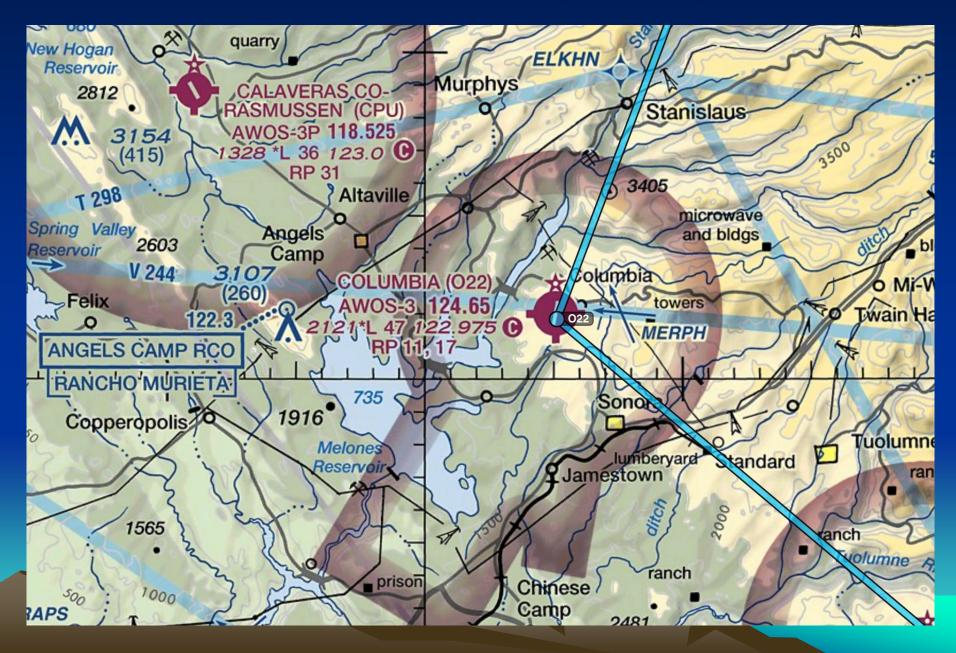


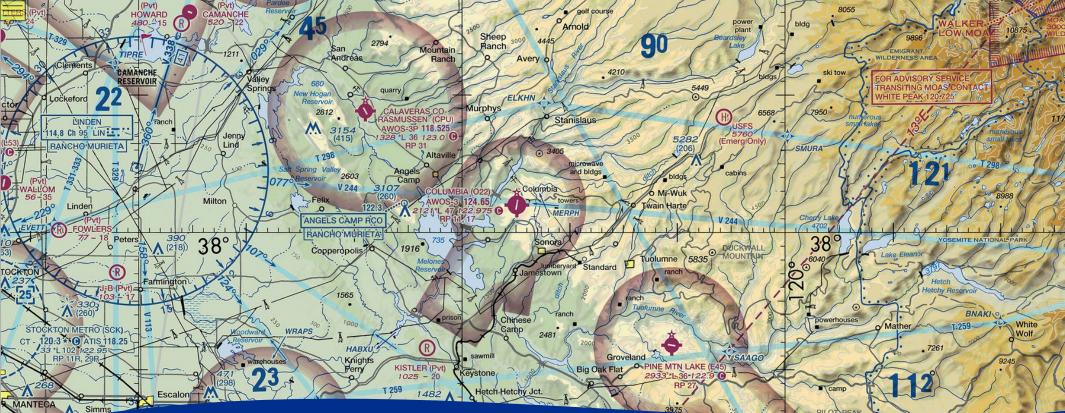
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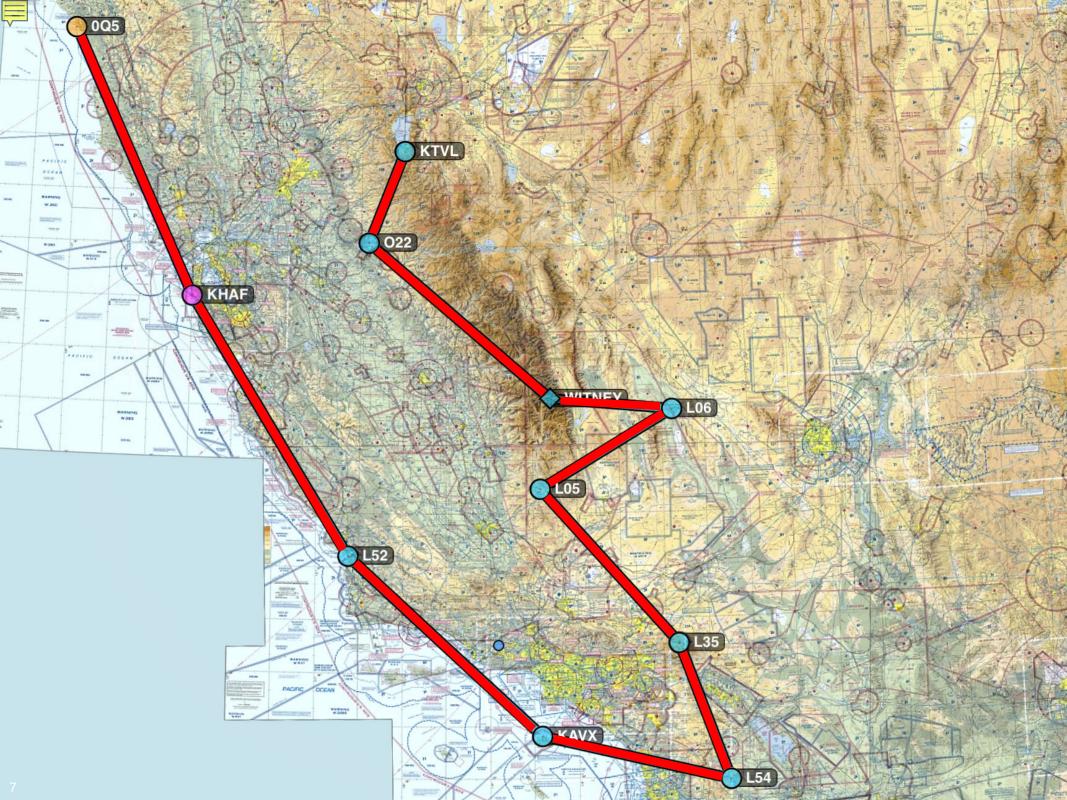




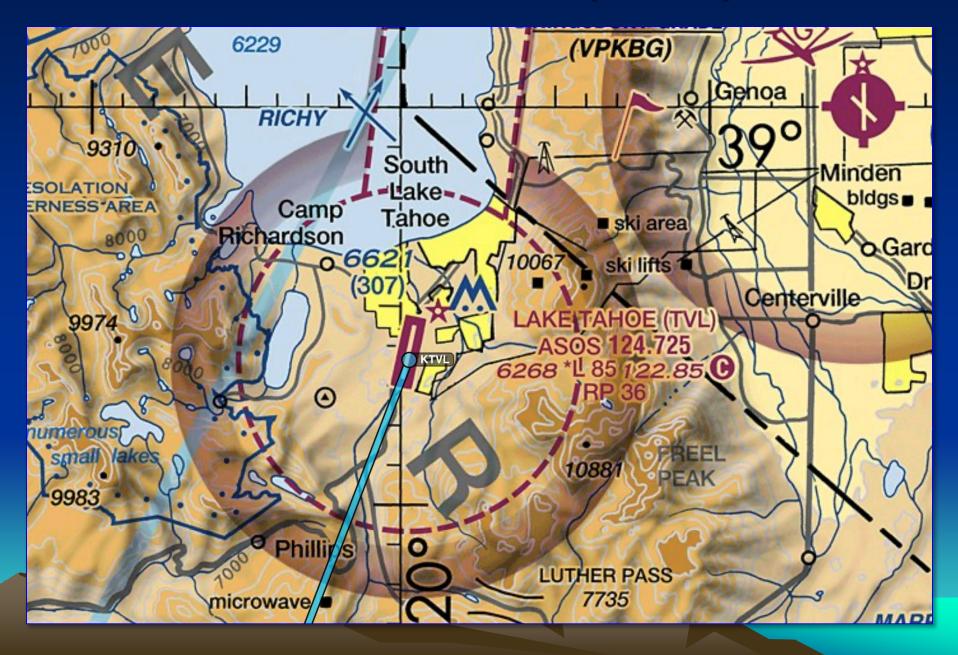
- RNAV GPS Rwy 35
- On field: camping, firefighting, grass runway
- In town (short walk): hotels, restaurants, history
- Bring tie downs
- Challenging winds Locals will takeoff downhill (Rwy 17) w/ tailwind
  - DA 5,000'-6,000' in summer

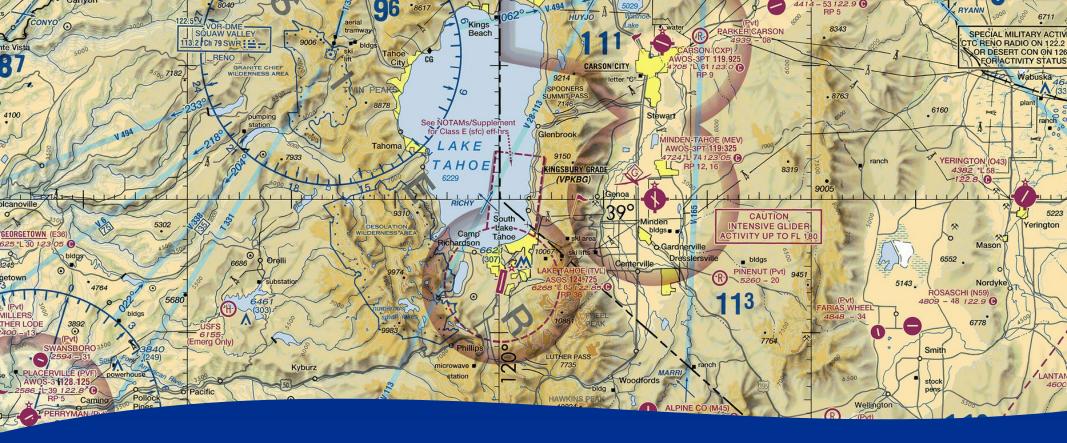
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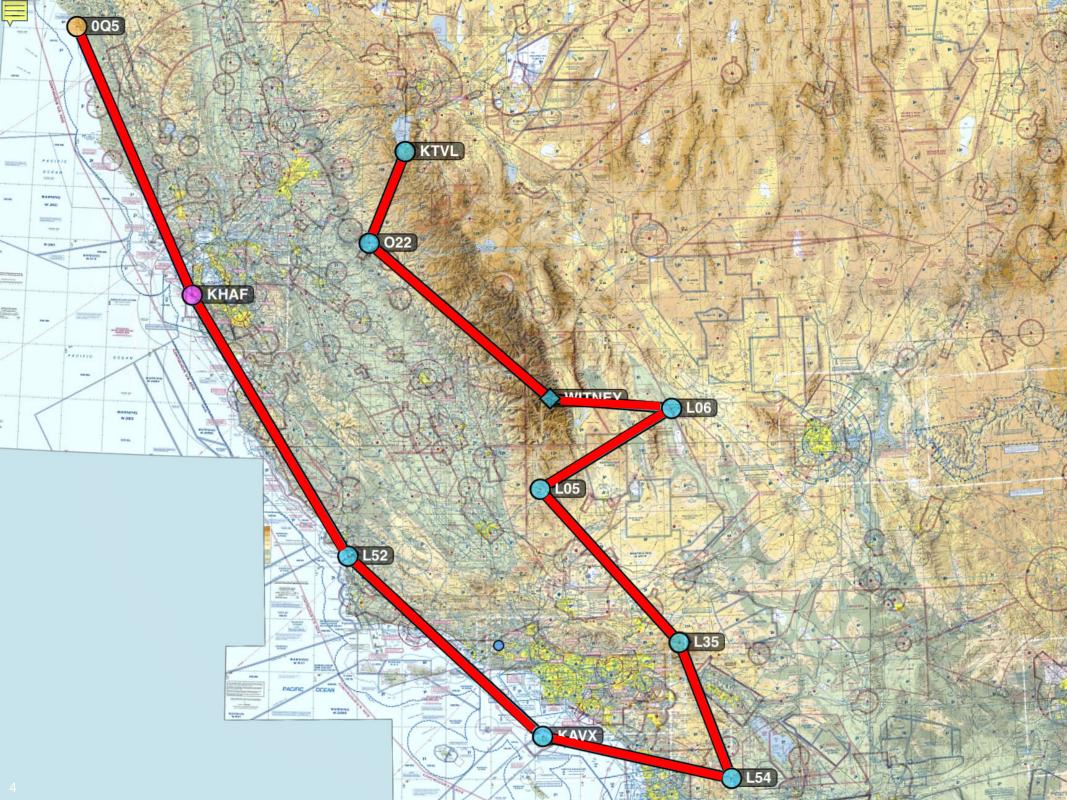
#### Lake Tahoe (TVL)





South Lake Tahoe

- Mountains / Terrain / Obstacles
- Check density altitude!
- On field: Restaurant
- In town: hotels, restaurants, boating, skiing



# **General Flying Tips**

- Plan ahead
- Radio skills
- Know the airspace
- Know your capabilities
- Know where the weather is
- When in doubt: Slow down and Ask for help!
- Enjoy The View! Have Fun!

# SAFETY FIRST

#### And Finally!

• Fly Safe!

- Fly More
- Have Fun!



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